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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## What Is Evangelism?

It is the sob of God.

It is the anguished cry of Jesus as He weeps over a doomed city.

It is the cry of Paul, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to my flesh."

Evangelism is the heart-wringing plea of Moses, "Oh, this people have sinned... yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin...; If not blot me, I pray Thee, out of the book which Thou hast written."

It is the cry of John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die."

It is the declaration of John Wesley, "The world is my parish."

It is the prayer of Billy Sunday, "Make me a giant for God."

It is the sob of a parent in the night, weeping over a prodigal child.

It is the secret of a great church.

It is the secret of a great preacher and of a great Christian.

—William T. Hall



Rev. George W. Truett, D.D.

## Why Christ Died

By the late George W. Truett, D.D.

"Christ died for us."—Romans 5:8

From day to day as the people have gathered in this hall and now again this Thursday noon, the desire has been and is in my heart, deeper than I can say, so to speak that I may enhearten and help the people and especially those who are not on the side of and in the service of Christ. Not to be esteemed as eloquent or clever would I speak to you or to anyone else but, rather, would I speak ever to point my sinning, sorrowing, suffering fellow humanity to Him who died for us, to Him who is the one and only adequate helper for us in time and in eternity.

The question of questions is: How may a life stained by sin be made right with the perfect and holy God? Every one of us must give his personal account to God. How may we give that account in safety and in peace?

The question for our meditation today calls us back to that central and supreme question. It is a question which Christ Himself asked two of His perplexed disciples as they journeyed along the Emmaus road, to whom Christ joined Himself after His resurrection. They were greatly perplexed and cast down. They had thought He would reign in temporal, triumphant power but He was dead and in His grave. The crucifixion took place three days before and all sorts of rumors were afloat concerning Him whom they laid in Joseph's new tomb. As He journeyed with those perplexed men, He commenced talking to them and presently brought them to this central question: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things?"

This question calls us back to the foundation of Christ's own divine gospel of salvation. And this question has bound up with it two central truths for our meditation this hour. First, the awful fact of sin and, second, God's divinely provided remedy for sin. These two facts are hard by each

other all through the Holy Word of God.

### I. Sin Demands Punishment

First, let us think of the solemn, awful fact of sin and that sin must be suffered for. Men would have to grant that fact if they did not believe the Bible at all and men do grant it everywhere, even where the light of the Bible has not reached. Laws to a remarkable degree take cognizance of that fact. Individual governments to a greater or lesser degree fashion their statutes around the principle that sin is something that requires punishment. The moral conscience of the world would be shocked by the teaching that sin was not

to be punished. Civilization itself would be imperiled if we withheld from sin the punishment it calls for. Not even sentiment should pervert our sense of justice and righteousness. God has put elements within our nature which rise up with this insistence of ten and most painfully, that sin must be punished.

Memory—what haunting power there is in one's memory! It has the strange faculty of turning back the hands of the clock in one's life and reaching up into the secret cabinets and unlocking them and bringing things out which one would like never to think of again. Those dark hours which are lived over through memory remind us that sin must be punished. God has given us memory and its haunting power is something unspeakably pathetic. He has given us the power of conscience and how poignant that power is at certain times in one's life. The power of conscience tells us that sin must be punished. Conscience may seem to sleep for a season and may seem to be

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## The Exceeding Abundantly Able God

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."—Eph. 3:20, 21.

God is able! He is abundantly able! He is exceeding abundantly able! He is exceeding abundantly able above all that we ask or think! So declares the infallible Word of God. The abundant excess of God's power to answer is more than man can even ask or think. In all God's dealings with man he goes beyond man's deeds, beyond man's desire. We have a limitless God. And in that fact we are to glory throughout all ages, says the Scripture. Then let us begin to glory now and honor the exceeding abundantly able God, by Christ Jesus.

When we were commanded by the Saviour to turn the other cheek for smiting when one cheek is smitten, and to give the cloak also when one would take away the coat only, and to go the second mile freely when one would compel us to go only one, he was simply telling us to be like God: "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:39-48). He does more than we ask, more than we plan, more than we think. He not only is able, but abundantly able, exceeding abundantly able. No wonder Paul writes of "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph. 3:8), and longs that all may know "the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Eph. 3:18, 19).

Throughout the Bible God beseeches men to expect more blessings from Him and not less. He urges men to pray bigger prayers, not smaller. He is quicker to give than we are to ask. He is willing to give more than we can even think of. God's power and willingness always go beyond man's need, beyond man's desire, even beyond man's thoughts!

Let us consider some Bible illustrations of our exceeding abundantly able God.

### Bible Incidents That Show How God EXCEEDS HUMAN Requirements and Needs

It was a marvel that God opened the Red Sea and made it stand up

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## \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest

Sword Offers \$1,000 for 13 Best Sermons to the Unsaved, \$250 for First-Prize Sermon, Contest Closing December 1, 1952

By the Editor

The Sword of the Lord is dedicated to bringing Bible preaching back to its proper place in the churches. Our fight for evangelism is a fight for Bible Christianity, so it includes, necessarily, a fight to restore Bible preaching to its place and authority among Christians. Phillips Brooks said that the sermon is the highest form of literature. In the days when evangelism declined, the evangelists became "Bible teachers," "world travellers," and "lecturers." Published sermons were called "addresses." With the backsliding, the trend away from revivals, the trend toward modernism, came a trend away from Bible preaching. The Sword of the Lord has done more to emphasize Bible preaching, has published more great Bible sermons than any other half-dozen Christian magazines in the world in the last eighteen years. Now, by God's grace, the tide of evangelism is rising. And with it there is a new emphasis on Bible preaching.

Therefore, at the Sword of the Lord we feel impressed to have a great \$1,000 evangelistic sermon contest. For the best 13 sermons, we will pay the following prizes: First-prize sermon, \$250; Second, third and fourth-prize sermons, \$100 each; For the nine next best sermons, \$50 each.

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1. Sermons must be original, unpublished, offered for publication in THE SWORD.
2. Author to give proper credit for quotations, must make quotations accurate, secure any permission necessary.
3. Sermons to be principally addressed to the unsaved.

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At the Sword Conference, Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, the following people agreed, by God's help, to try to secure 100 subscriptions to The Sword of the Lord by July 1, 1953. You will note that Bob Jones University heads the list. Dr. Bob Jones promised that the University would send in at least 1,000 subscriptions. They require every ministerial student to subscribe for The Sword of the Lord and report weekly on two sermons printed therein.

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## HERESIES EXPOSED

ATHEISM AGNOSTICISM BAPTISMAL REGENERATION EVOLUTION FREEMASONRY MORMONISM ROMAN CATHOLICISM JEHOVISM SPIRITISM SEVENTH DAY UNITARIANISM

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# FREEMASONRY

By W. Hoste, B.A.

To the ordinary observer, Freemasonry is connected with secret signs, gaudy insignia, and mysterious functions, not leading apparently anywhere in particular; but is in fact a sort of Higher Class Friendly Society; rather old-fashioned perhaps, but possibly useful, and certainly perfectly harmless, from the religious point of view, acknowledging, as it does, God as "The Great Architect of the Universe," and displaying an open Bible among its symbols. The fact that it includes Church dignitaries and Nonconformist divines, etc., in its ranks, still further veils its true character.

### Initiation

No doubt some real Christians have allowed themselves to be ensnared, but their initiation should have opened their eyes. How can it be of the mind of Him who says, "Swear not at all," to take solemn oaths not to divulge a secret, still unknown, and to call down on one's person blood-curdling curses\* in case of failure to keep the oaths? The ritual is really Hindu, with Bible names substituted.

### A Religion

However, that such a venerable cult, to which so many "wise, mighty and noble are called," should be in deadly conflict with true Christianity, or even a rival of any religion, seems in this country a proposition too difficult even to contemplate. But any who know how in France *la francmaconnerie* is synonymous with active opposition to any form of dogmatic Christianity, will not share this difficulty, unless indeed latitudes alter cases.

In the British Empire its religious character is generally recognized as so neutral, that it starts with a great advantage, for, whereas a man cannot be a Roman Catholic and Protestant, churchman and dissenter, Baptist and Quaker, at the same time, any one may be a Freemason and remain a "faithful" member of his own church; for is it not an ethical system, rather than a religion? Listen to one of its authoritative exponents—Dr. Fort Newton, late Unitarian Minister of the London City Temple: "Masonry is not a religion, but it is Religion (my italics), a worship in which all good men may unite"—the "good men" being Unitarians, Hindus, Jews, nominal Christians, Moslems, Theosophists, etc. For a Christian, then, to be a Freemason is "to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers," a thing expressly forbidden.\*\* Again, "We only pursue

\* As the degrees advance, the penalties increase. For the first degree, your tongue is torn from its roots; for the second, your heart; for the third, your bowels, and then burnt, etc., etc., and you pray that it may be so.

† "The Builders," as quoted in *The Menace of Freemasonry*.

\*\* *The Spirit of Freemasonry* (Hutchinson), acknowledged by Masons to be authoritative, for Christ is the light of the world, and He is nowhere to be found in this system.

the Universal Religion," or as another writes, "All Masons therefore whether Christian, Jew or Mohammedan . . . although we take different routes . . . we mean to travel to the same place." Alas, how many, like Bunyan's boatman, are looking to the Heavenly City, and rowing the other way! "I am the Way," saith the Lord, "no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

### Relationship to Christianity

Freemasonry utterly repudiates the exclusive claims of Christianity. "It is well," writes W. L. Wilms-hurst, "for a man to be born in a church, but terrible for him to die in one" (my italics). Paul, on the contrary, wrote to Timothy: "Continue thou in the things that thou hast learned and hast been assured of . . . and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:14, 15). Contrast this with further words of the same author: "The work of the Church ends, where the knowledge of God begins"! Another, a professed Christian minister, writes: "All candidates, Christian or otherwise, come to us in a state of darkness." Nay, rather, they come to "a state of darkness,"

### Social Advantages

In the article on "Freemasonry" in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*—a dry-as-dust enumeration of the foundation of lodges, a saying "nothing with a deal of skill"—one sentence stands out: "For many years the craft has been conducted without respect to class, color, caste or creed." To the uninitiated this sounds well. The philanthropy of the Society then overflows to the wide world without distinction. Nothing is further from the truth. You must enter it to benefit by its advantages, and you pay dearly. But that commercial and social advantages do accrue to members is a fact held out as a lure to possible candidates. In many houses of business in London, it is "considered advantageous for business purposes to insist on the higher employees being Masons."

### Anti-Scriptural

"Masonry" professes to be the essence of all creeds. She certainly jealously guards the essential features of all human creeds, viz., the denial of the need of atonement by the blood of Christ, and the claim to salvation by self-effort. Man is

his own Saviour, and no one else is. How different is the testimony of the Bible! No salvation by works! No salvation in any other but Christ! (Eph. 2:9; Acts 4:12). In fact, though the Bible rests among her symbols, Freemasonry contradicts it to her votaries. It is true that a special Bible is presented to candidates at their initiation, but what is on its first page? "The Masons' Charge"—testifying to what the Craft really stands for: *Masonry encourages each man to be steadfast in the faith his heart loves best*" (my italics); thus in one sentence setting aside the necessity of conversion, the evangelization of the world and the uniqueness of Christ and His work. Is it not true that any Mason who pretends that Masonry can be harmonized with Christianity is violating the constitution he has sworn to accept?

Freemasonry, viewed doctrinally, is Theosophy. But someone may interject, does it not speak of God, Christ, the Bible, etc.? Yes, like Theosophy, it is heavily camouflaged with scriptural expressions, but used in an unscriptural sense. Without doubt in general its vocabularies are the same, but the god of Masonry at any rate is altogether other than the God of the Bible. He is a composite deity—Jehovah, Baal and On, or Osiris, rolled into one, under the initials J. B. O.\* Novitiates are kept in ignorance of this; they hear the descriptive title, "the Divine Architect," and imagine that it is the God of the Bible who is meant. Whereas, if Freemasonry be true, the very idol that Jezebel set up in defiance of Jehovah, and On—one of those gods of Egypt, against which Jehovah "executed judgment"—share the Godhead with Him. Was it for nothing He gave the commandment, "Thou shalt have none other gods beside Me" (Exod. 20:3); and said, "My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images" (Isa. 42:8)? "Christ," too is on the lips of the Mason, but only in a list of heathen and mythical heroes—Buddha, Vishnu, Baldur, Osiris, Adonis, etc., all on the same plane, and "but different labels of the same idea." A niche has always been offered to Christ in "the world's pantheon," but He claims the Throne: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ;" "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Christ "in all things must have the pre-eminence" (1 Cor. 3:11; Acts 4:12; Col. 1:18).

The Bible, according to the Masonic theory, is only one chapter of a great volume, comprising the Vedas, Korán, etc., all equally God's Word.

Probably much that is going on today in the Indian and other Mission fields among professed Christian teachers who are pressing for an amalgamation of Christianity with all that is best in Hinduism, etc., may be influenced by the fact that these men, though probably not all Masons by initiation, have drunk deeply into the spirit of the Craft, and are carrying out its exact program of combining "the best elements in all religions" to form the Universal Religion. That this will prove to be the religion of the Antichrist that is to come, I have little doubt. But the Truth of God will prevail.

\* "Lest we should offend," we will not go further and divulge the great secret of Masonry—the divine name, which no Mason may pronounce by himself, but which is sufficiently widely known outside the Craft.

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## Get Your Heart Over

By Theodore F. Adams  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

The best Sunday school teacher I ever had deserves that title because he was my Sunday school teacher seven days a week. He taught us on Sunday morning in a crowded room filled with growing and active boys, but the lesson he taught grew not only out of his study of God's Word in preparation for his teaching, but also out of his study of us in the days of the week preceding.

His little office was our gathering place from Sunday to Sunday. He was interested in each of us and always had time in the busiest of days to give us a word of counsel and to let us know he cared about us and the things that were close to our hearts.

He really put his heart into his teaching, and as a result something came from his heart to ours that we needed and that fed many a boy to Christ and the Christian way of life. The lesson in living he was, as well as the lessons he taught from God's Word, and with it all, his concern for others has stayed with me ever since, and I am sure with others of those boys he loved and led.

Through the years I have watched other teachers succeed in building strong and growing Sunday school classes because they put their hearts into their work seven days a week. I have seen other teachers get meager results and seen classes dwindle and fail.

Sometimes the teacher was an able Bible scholar, but the classes dwindled because the only time the pupils ever saw or heard from the teacher was in that hour on Sunday morning. That hour is supremely important, to be sure. It is the time for constructive Bible teaching and for relating the truths of the gospel to the needs of everyday life.

Such an hour, fraught with such possibilities, deserves the best study and attention that any teacher can give. No teacher ought to hold lightly the privilege of teaching the way of salvation and the truth of the gospel to any class, however small.

However, if the teaching is to be effective and if the class is to grow, just putting your heart into the Sunday morning lesson is not enough. Births, deaths, graduations, weddings, times of joy and sorrow, little successes and miserable failures in the lives of the pupils or their loved ones all call for care and concern on the part of the teacher.

A telephone call, a note, a personal word in these great hours of life bind the teacher and the class together as nothing else can do.

We all like to be missed. The teacher who does not care nor follow up those who are absent and find out the reason for the absence ought not to be surprised if pupils fail to return. The teacher who cares is the teacher who has a chance to teach.

The teacher who does not care will not have a chance to teach very long either because there will be no one there to teach, or, if there are some who are present in body, they will not be there in spirit because there has been no bond of love growing through the weeks. The love flows from heart to heart and provides a channel for the lesson as it is taught.

It is important, too, that the teacher have an overflowing heart and a growing mind. One of our great preachers rightly says, "It is

the overflowing cup that has something to give to another in need." The teacher should know and love the Word of God and should seek every possible aid in understanding the truths of the Bible and relating them to the needs of those he is trying to teach.

Jesus got His heart over when he wanted His disciples to learn the lesson of humility. Up to that time the disciples had failed to understand the mission of Jesus and the nature of the kingdom that He had come to establish.

Jesus had foretold His passion, teaching the disciples as little children, and the substance of His teaching had been, "The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying" (Mark 9:31,32).

As they moved on to Capernaum, they argued among themselves as to who should be the greatest. Jesus called them together to teach them that "if any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me" (Mark 9:35-37).

Just as truly, a good teacher must know the lives, the needs, the concerns, and the problems of those he is trying to teach. Only as these two factors are present can successful teaching be done; that is, the truths of the gospel must be brought to those who feel their need of help by one who knows both the truths and the needs.

Put your heart into it and out of your heart will come a blessing to others. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

As you face the needs of others with the truths that are eternal, you will find for yourself the truth that Jesus, the master Teacher, knew when He said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). (From *The Sunday School Builder* for April, 1952.)

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## Synopsis

Life is a pretty exciting adventure for Jerry Thomas, "going on 12," and his friend Hurry. They enjoy swimming and Scouts and ball games like all boys. Last week they had a new experience—attending a tent revival on the vacant lot. Something happened to Jerry and Hurry toward the end of that first week—something pretty important. As the preacher gave a message on the crucifixion, they realized they were sinners, and that was the very reason Jesus died on the cross. First Jerry and then Hurry went up the aisle to shake hands with the kind old evangelist, trusting Christ to save them. It felt pretty good to be Christians!

Mr. Spann, the scoutmaster, told Jerry at the last meeting about a new boy in town, Pete Laughton. Jerry has gone to Pete's house to invite him to come to Scouts.

## CHAPTER V

Jerry didn't feel much like trying to make friends with a sixteen-year-old, but Mr. Spann wanted Pete to come to Scouts. So Jerry made his way to State Road, one afternoon, rang the doorbell, and then stood waiting on the ramshackle porch of the house where Pete Laughton lived. He was wishing he could run, when suddenly the door opened. A thin, gaunt woman stood behind the screen door, looking suspiciously at him. Since she said nothing, Jerry figured it was up to him to begin the conversation.

"Does Pete . . . Pete Laughton live here?"

"That's right." She looked him up and down, still without a shadow of welcome or friendliness. She scratched the side of her nose thoughtfully, meanwhile waiting for Jerry to continue this strange conversation he had begun.

"Is he . . . I wonder if he's home."

"Yep."

"I'd like to see him just a minute, if I could."

"He's round in back . . . go on and see him if ye want . . . ain't no one hinderin' ye."

Jerry mumbled, "Much obliged," and hurried off the porch. A big oil drum lay on its side near the house, and a few ragged chickens scratched in the thin grass. Atop the first fence pole was a battered old black hat. In the back yard Jerry could see a weatherbeaten old Model A car, but there was not a sign of a boy called Pete Laughton. Mighty discouraging, it was, for a boy trying to do a good deed! Jerry was about to give up and go home, when something moved under the Model A, and he saw it was a foot. He walked over to the car. It was a bit embarrassing to have to talk to a foot, but that's all Jerry could see, so he figured he'd have to try it, anyway.

"Hi there." Jerry tried to make it sound friendly, but it came out awfully flat, more like a grunt than a greeting. The foot stopped moving and lay perfectly still, like a cat waiting for you to go away so it could finish its meal.

Jerry tried again. "Hello there.

Are you Pete Laughton?"

Again the foot moved, this time toward Jerry. He backed off a pace or two, and waited. The foot emerged, then a skinny leg, then a pair of oily trousers, a grimy shirt, and a thatch of blond hair waving wildly.

"Yeah . . . that's me. Whatcha want?"

Jerry laughed nervously. "Oh, hi, Pete. Well, I didn't want anything exactly. Just thought I'd come over and sort of get acquainted."

"I'm busy on this car. It's one thing after another, with a car, all the time . . ."

"Yeah, well if you're busy . . . I just thought . . ."

"What's your name?"

"Jerry Thomas. Mr. Mike Spann, our scoutmaster, wanted you and me to get acquainted. So I thought I'd come over."

"I don't go for that scout stuff much . . . somebody's always tellin' you what to do. I like to follow my own line of interest."

"Sure . . . well, if you don't want to, that's O.K. I don't go so much for the scouting. It's just Mr. Spann . . . he's so much fun we'd rather follow his line than our own, I guess you might say."

Pete continued his labors on the decrepit car without appearing to be aware of Jerry. Jerry stood around wondering what to do, for a while, and then he became curious about what Pete was doing. None of his friends in Whittenburg knew enough about cars to put them together. Pete's blond head had disappeared under the hood of the car.

"What are you doing now, Pete?" Jerry asked.

"Now I'm checking the spark plugs. It sure takes a pile of work to keep an engine going, I'll tell you that."

"I guess so," Jerry said. "I bet it isn't easy to learn all that either, is it?"

"Naw, you have to sort of absorb it, I guess. Now me, I don't know when I learned about motors and engines . . . just seems as if I always knew. Pop says I could make a car out of any old pile of junk, though, long's it has four wheels . . . and I sort of guess he's right."

"Boy . . . I wish you could teach me an' Hurry how."

"Hurry? He that red-headed kid?"

"Yes, he's my buddy. . ."

"I guess there's lots you could learn if you just hung around. I could show you . . . only this heap of mine is a mighty old car and of course I can't show you about the new things on it."

Jerry was awed. "Is she really your own car, Pete?"

Pete's pride in the car compelled him to be gruff at this point. "Course it's my own car. You don't think I'd be working on anybody else's, do you?"

Jerry knew Pete didn't expect an answer to that question, and he didn't make any. Instead he stared thoughtfully at Pete's quick hands, smeared with oil, but as

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"Boy—that's wonderful, Pete," Jerry breathed. "Most fellows couldn't do that, you know."

"Yeah, you're right about that," Pete said. He worked silently for a few minutes. "Whelp did you say your scout troop meets?"

"Thursdays, four o'clock."

"Thanks, chum. I just might come over sometime. I just might."

Jerry decided that was what he'd come for, so he might as well go home now. "Good. We'll be looking for you, Pete. And really, you'll have lots of fun. You'll like Mr. Spann, I know."

"Could be. I don't take to just anybody, you know."

"I'm pretty sure you'll take to Mr. Spann. Anybody would . . . Well, I better go now."

"So long," said Pete. His head was still under the hood and the sound was muffled.

"So long, Pete. I'll look for you Thursday at Scouts. Baptist Church basement."

Sure enough, next Thursday Pete did come to Scout meeting. When Jerry came in, Pete had already arrived and had a cluster of boys around him over in the corner, talking to them. It sounded as if he was really telling them how wonderful Pete Laughton was, Jerry thought, and then he decided that wasn't very nice to think. Pete didn't seem to even notice him, or acknowledge that he was there on Jerry's invitation, but Jerry decided that wasn't important, anyway. He was there, and that was what Mr. Spann wanted. At least Jerry had done his best. Now it was up to Mr. Spann, Jerry felt.

Jerry was curious to know which of the craft groups Pete would join. To his amazement, Pete didn't hesitate a moment before he chose the photography group.

As they walked home, Jerry and Hurry talked about Pete.

"I was sort of anxious to see which craft group Pete would choose, Hurry."

"Yeah, I was too," Hurry said, kicking a can ahead of him.

"Didn't take him long to make up his mind, did it? He headed straight for the photography group," Jerry added.

"Probably because he liked you, Jerry. After all, you're the one who invited him to Scouts in the first place."

"Hm-h! He didn't even speak to me the whole afternoon long! Just ignored me, completely."

"Oh, well—some fellows are like that. After all, Pete isn't one of these guys with beautiful manners."

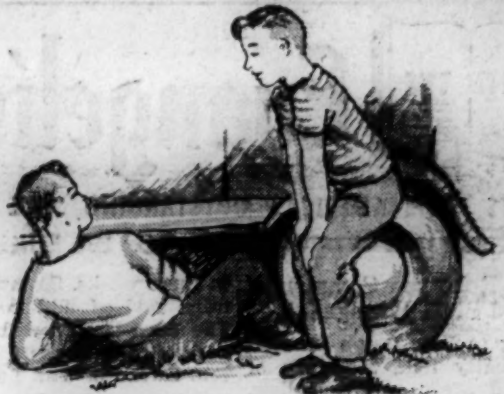
"You're right about that. Good night, why did he have to go and join the photography group? He'll probably want to enter the Post contest, too."

"Yep. Bet he'd really be all out to win if he entered it, too; he seems like that kind to me."

"Guess you're right about that. Oh, well, I should worry about Pete entering the contest. After all, with all the readers of the Post as competition, why should I worry about Pete? He's just one more boy."

Next Scout meeting Mr. Spann came over to watch Jerry mount his picture.

"You know, Mr. Spann, sometimes I look at this picture, and I think it's so pretty—it's sure to win the contest. And then . . . another time I look at it it's just a big blob of black and white



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spots, all blurred together."

Mike Spann laughed. "I know just what you mean, Jerry."

"Right now I'm wondering if they'll take it at all! Wouldn't surprise me if they threw it out completely! It's no good, Mr. Spann."

"Oh, now Jerry—it's unusual at least—you'll have to say that."

"Thanks to Jim Wilson! You know, Mr. Spann, I've made about six different prints from that film since—some underexposed, some just right, some overexposed, and do you know I can't get a single one that looks like anything!"

"Guess Jim Wilson did you a favor, didn't he, Jerry?"

"He sure did, Mr. Spann. I'm still ashamed of the way I got mad and spouted off my mouth."

"We usually get in trouble when we lose our tempers, I've found that out. And 'spouting off the mouth' seems to be the easiest way to do wrong. You know in the Bible, in the book of James, there's a whole chapter on the tongue, and the trouble it causes. 'The tongue is a fire, and a world of iniquity (or sin)' James says, 'and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth.' . . . Then he goes to tell how we can tame wild beasts—birds, and snakes, even, but 'the tongue can no man tame. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.'"

"Yes, sir. I'm surprised at some of the things my tongue says, I know that."

"By the way, Jerry . . . your tongue did a pretty good job on Pete Laughton, it seems. You got him to come to the meeting, didn't you?"

"Yes, sir, I guess so. He hasn't spoken to me yet. . ."

"That's just the way Pete is, I guess. You keep on and make friends with him, Jerry. Maybe you can win him to the Lord."

"Why—I—uh—I'll leave it to you to do that, Mr. Spann."

"Well, of course, we'll all work together. But there'll be some people I can't win, Jerry."

"Oh, Mr. Spann—anybody would listen to you!"

"Thanks, Jerry. But no, not anybody. There are some people I will be able to win—some people that won't ever find the Lord, unless I show them the way. And it's a funny thing, Jerry, but there will be some people nobody can lead to Jesus but you."

Jerry looked mighty sober about that. He'd never thought before that boys were supposed to help people find Jesus. He thought that was for preachers, and men like Mr. Spann.

"So . . . I want you to keep that in mind, Jerry. It may turn out that Pete's yours, and not mine at all."

"I don't think so, Mr. Spann. I don't think Pete likes me. But . . . I will think about it. Say, Mr. Spann, is Pete entering the Post contest?"

"Yes, he is. He's been trying lots of new devices, and has taken pictures of some subjects that were rather . . . different. I think he's really come up with something in his last experiment."

Jerry felt a twinge of feeling he knew must be envy, but he tried to down it and said, "Good! What's it like?"

"It's an experiment in table-top photography, Jerry. You know, that's where you take—oh, just about anything—little glass figures, fruit and vegetables or whatever you take a notion to use. You take a picture of them on a table or flat surface. Pete really has quite a clever idea."

"That's good. At least he'll keep coming to Scouts as long as he's

interested in photography. He hasn't a darkroom at home."

A few minutes later Jerry stepped into the room where the developer was. There spread out on a table, was a beautiful print of—what was it, boys and girls? Jerry took another look, astonished at the quality of the print. Then he saw it was not boys and girls at all, but china figurines, with an improvised background, on the top of a table. Jerry suddenly realized that this was what Mr. Spann had called table-top photography. The next minute he realized that this was probably Pete's contest picture!

Just about the same moment, he saw a dark pool of fluid spreading from an overturned bottle, which had just reached the edge of the picture. For a moment Jerry thought, "What if Pete couldn't enter the picture in the contest?" The thought came to his mind so fast, he hardly even thought it at all. But the next minute he grabbed the picture, just before the brown stain entered the actual picture area. Already one side of the border was stained and ruined, but not the picture itself.

"Pete," Jerry called. "Hey, Pete—this your picture?"

"Sure it is," Pete said as he sauntered up, with complete unconcern. "What about it? How'd you know it was mine, anyway?"

"Pete, look . . ."

Just then Pete's eyes took in the ugly brown stain at the edge of the picture. "Jerry," he yelled. "What have you done to my picture? Where'd you get it, anyway?"

"Now, wait a minute, Pete. I didn't do anything. Somebody turned over a bottle, I guess. But the picture's O.K. I picked it up and wiped it off, quick, before it got to the picture. See, it's just on the border. It's not really hurt at all."

Pete was somewhat mollified, but he still acted as if Jerry had deliberately ruined the picture. "What's the matter, Jerry—I said I'll win the Post contest?" He sneered.

Jerry's temper rose a little at that, and he started to say something. Then he remembered what Mr. Spann had said about the tongue. "What a great matter a little fire kindleth," Mr. Spann had said.

"No, Pete," he said, "I'm not worried. If your picture is best, then I want you to win. Good night, Pete!" he added hotly. "I could have let your whole picture get ruined, but I didn't. I called you instead."

Pete didn't go so far as to look ashamed of himself—that just didn't go with his manner—but he did quiet down instantly. "Yeah—that's right. Thanks, Jerry. I did want to win. That . . . \$50.00 sort of meant a lot to me."

The \$50.00 prize looked pretty good to Jerry, too, but he didn't say anything about that.

"Well, anyway"—Jerry grinned, "I'm sure glad I don't have to judge that contest."

"Me, too," said Mr. Spann, walking up behind Pete. "They're both good pictures and I'll just have to say, 'May the best man win.'"

To Jerry's astonishment, Pete shrugged off Mr. Spann's hand, and the look he gave the scoutmaster was even worse than the way he had looked at Jerry, a few minutes earlier. Why, Jerry wondered, did Pete dislike Mr. Spann so? He could hardly believe it!

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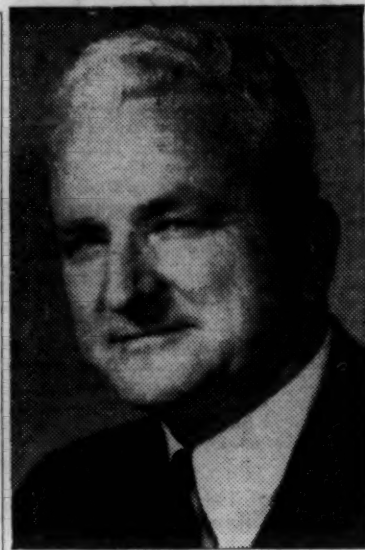
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**DR. E. J. DANIELS**, Orlando, Florida, writes telling of a tent revival campaign which he has just closed in Plant City, Florida. 22 Baptist churches cooperated and saw blessed results through their efforts. The tent was filled to capacity almost every night. Hundreds walked the aisles on the various calls for decisions for Christ. On one night 220 young people came forward pledging to forsake dancing, petting, and other sins that are wrecking the youth of our day. On another night 1154 pledged to tithe. A genuine revival seems to have swept that entire area.



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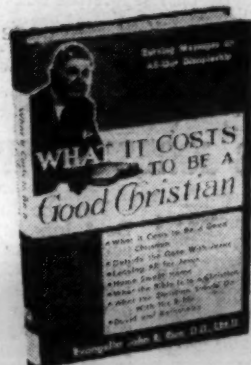
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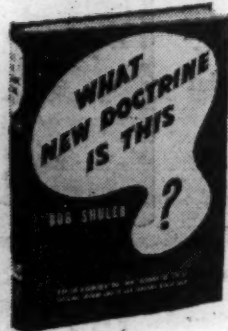
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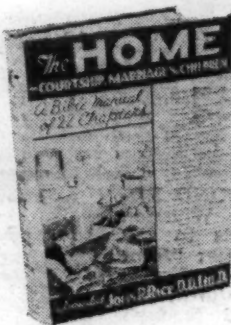
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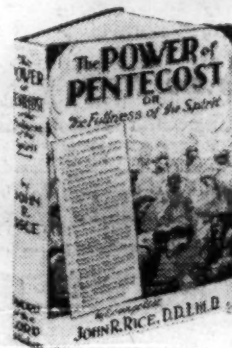
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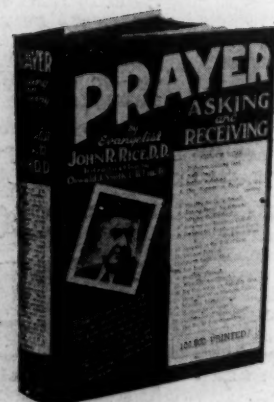
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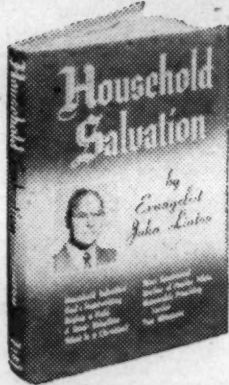
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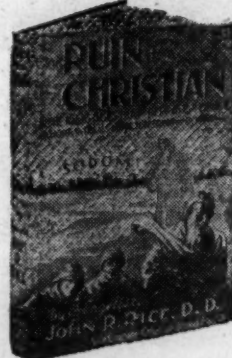
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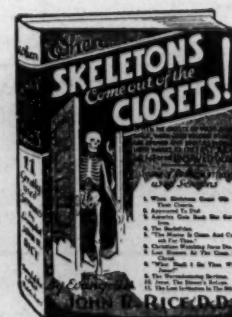
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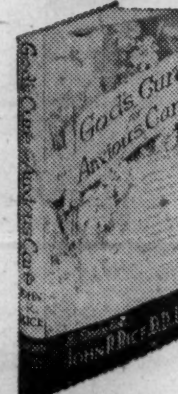
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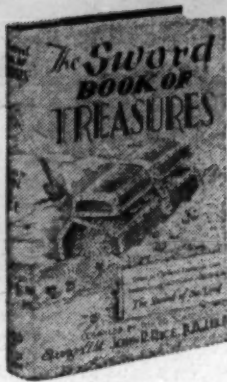
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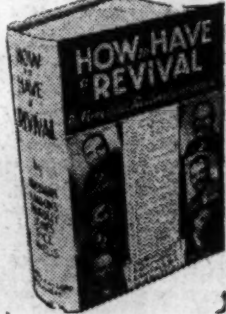
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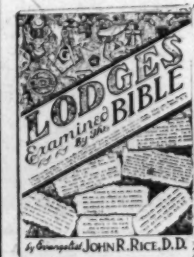
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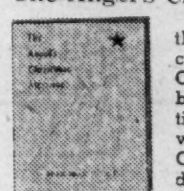
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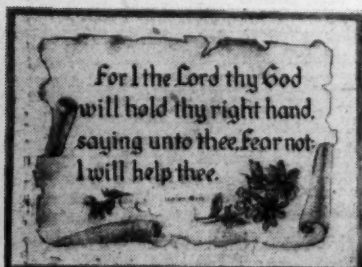
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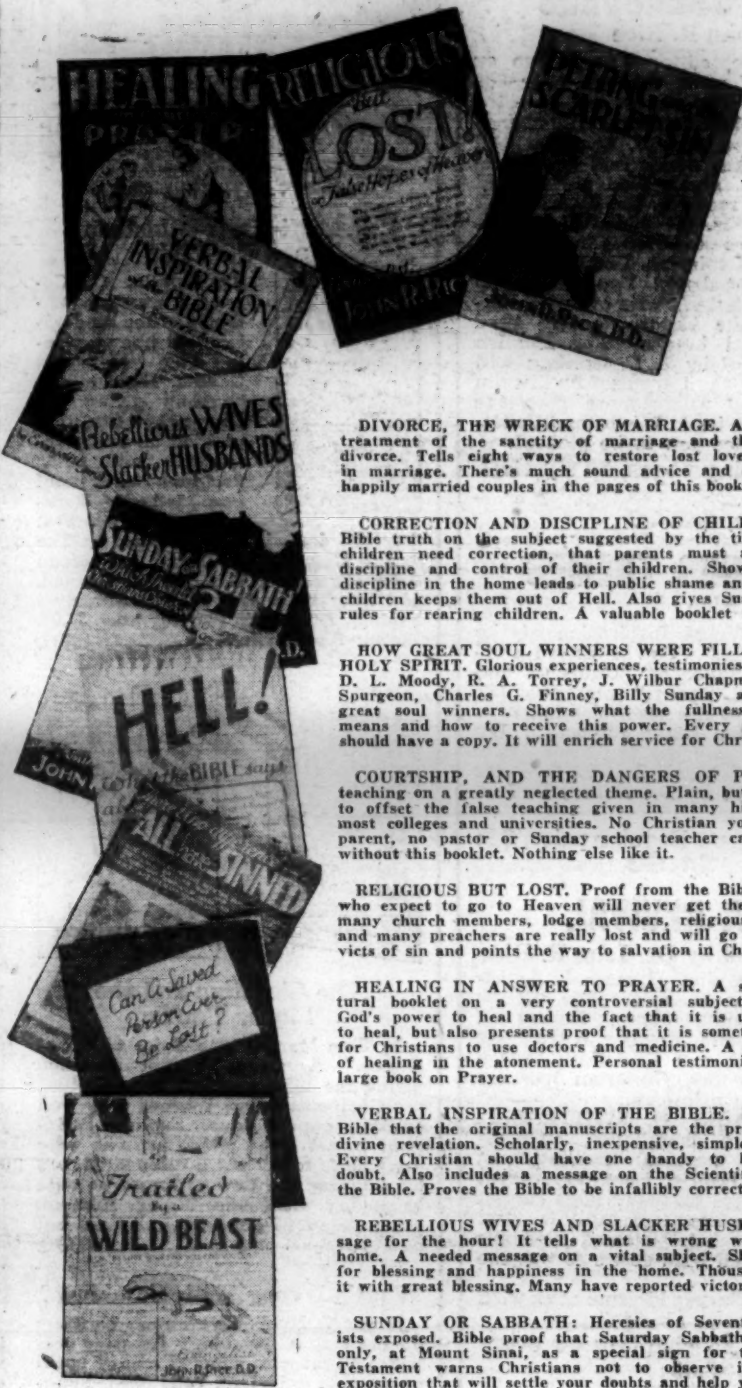
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dull and dead and unresponsive; but in the crucial hour, in the moral crises, conscience will make its cry felt and heard, even after the most solemn and painful fashion. History, both sacred and secular, gives formal attestation to that fact. Take the pages of Bible history—what awful chapters stand out like spectres in the night through the awful power of conscience! In the case of Judas—who sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver (about fifteen dollars in our money)—after a few hours, goaded as he was fairly to desperation by conscience, he came back to the Chief Priests, with whom the trade was made, the ill-fated bargain, and threw down the thirty pieces of silver with the cry: "Let's turn back, let's undo what we have done. I have betrayed innocent blood! Take the money back—it hounds my conscience and my brain! Take it back!" And they laughed him to scorn and, goaded by conscience, he went out and took his own life. Conscience has that awful power in human life!

John the Baptist was put in prison by Herod because he dared to denounce the king for improperly consorting with Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, who was by his side. John stood before Herod and said, "It is not lawful for thee to have her," and explained that there would be a day of reckoning with a righteous God. The woman bitterly resented the rebuke of the plain preacher. She bided her time, and the day came when her daughter danced before Herod and so pleased him that he asked what she would like for him to give her. She had been prompted by her mother; so she said, "I would like the head of John the Baptist, the man who rebuked you and my mother." Think of a girl making a demand like that! Herod winced under that demand, for he feared the people. But sudden and seething in sin as he was, he commanded the executioner to carry out this awful request and soon he brought the head of this fearless preacher for the dancing girl to carry to her

mother. The horrible deed was done. The man who rebuked Herod and Herodias publicly could rebuke them no more.

Weeks and months passed, and the fame of Jesus spread abroad. His deeds and His works were attracting the people throughout all Galilee. When Herod heard of the wonderful works of Jesus, he said, "It is John the Baptist, risen from the dead." Oh, the cry of conscience! The cry of conscience!

Macbeth, one of the world's great dramas, lives because in it the vitality of conscience is recognized. Lady Macbeth, whose hands were stained with murder, revealed in her sleep-walking the state of her mind, as she would seem to wash her hands and say, "Will these hands ne'er be clean? Here's the smell of blood still. All the perfume of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand." It is the cry of conscience.

George Eliot, that keen-minded woman, marvelous in her portrayal of human life, gives in one of her books an account of a young girl who went to shame and ruin—earth's saddest sight is that! Every chivalrous man ought to set himself with all diligence and true manhood to obliterate from the earth every influence that makes for the down-dragging and damning of woman. The story said the girl went to ruin and, to hide her shame, put to death her little child—put it to death and hid it in the hedge. But a little later she was apprehended and brought to justice and judgment. And the kindly women all got around her—as they ought to have done—and pitied her and compassionated her and mothered her and tried to woo her away from dwelling on the horrible sin that had found its culmination in her life. When they would pause for a moment, the girl would break forth with her pitiful refrain, "I hear—yes, I hear—I hear all that you have said, but will I always hear the cry of that little child that I put to death in the hedge? Will I always hear it?" That was the cry of conscience—the cry of conscience!

Conscience makes its cry that sin must be punished. There is an end of moral government if this be not so. What conscience cries and memory attests, the Holy Word of God which is the divine revelation of the mind of God and the will of God, the Holy Word of God comes with its clear statement that we all alike, in God's great moral government, are sinners. There is no difference. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." There is no difference. "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." "There is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good and sinneth not." "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." That is the Word of God that came from the lips of the gentle Saviour. "Marvel not that I say unto you, Ye must be born again or ye can never see the kingdom of God."

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were yet sinners, Christ died for us!" The Son of God loved you and me and gave Himself for us! "Substitution," you say, "is a great mystery." It is, and the principle of substitution is the greatest principle in all life.

Christ died for us.

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All to Him I owe—

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God might have dealt with sinners in one of three ways. He might have meted out absolute justice and compensation, and, if so, we would all have been destroyed. "If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquity, oh, Lord, who shall stand?" Or God might have meted out absolute mercy. If that had been His plan it would have immediately put an end to moral government. But God is infinite in righteousness and mercy; He metes out to us absolute righteousness and absolute mercy, both in one. "Mercy and Truth are met together; Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other," in Christ. In His death absolute righteousness and absolute mercy were provided for the sinner at the same time. Why is Christ, alone, able to conquer our sins? Because God, the Eternal Father, whose law we all have broken, appointed Him for that divine purpose. Thus was established vicarious redemption for us because Christ, the divine Son, was spotless and sinless and could make that sacrifice; for Christ, in His own personality, is both God and man, as really God as though He were not man, as really man as though He were not God—the God-man in one personality. And He is able to be the one Mediator to win sinners back to God.

Oh, will you think of Him, dying for you, as this day you go your ways? After He died for you, what if you reject Him?

What if you refuse Him? What if you will not have Him? Oh, will you think now, today—visualize it all—how they took Him and laid aside His robe and scourged Him and carried Him up the hill, the Christ, and nailed Him to the cross, and there 'twixt heaven and earth He died—the Friend of sinners died! It was for you! There is not any way out for you and me, except through the sacrifice of Christ.

No wonder the great old John Newton sang:

*In evil long, long I took delight,  
Unawed by shame or fear,  
Till a new object struck my sight  
That stopped my wild career!*

*I saw One hanging on a tree  
In agony and blood!  
He fixed His languid eye on me  
As near that cross I stood!*

*Oh, never to my latest breath  
Can I forget that look—  
It seemed to charge me with His death  
Though not a word He spoke.*

*My conscience felt and owned my guilt  
And drove me to despair.  
I knew my sins His blood had spilt  
And helped to nail Him there.*

*A second look He gave, which  
said:  
"I freely all forgive!  
This blood is for thy ransom paid.  
I died that thou mightest live!"*

"That thou mightest live!" What if you refuse Him? God forbid! God forbid, my dear, dear friends, that one in this room shall refuse to believe in Christ, your atoning Redeemer from sin!

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## Exceeding Abundantly Able God

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like a wall on each side of the children of Israel so that they went through the midst of the sea. But how exceeding wonderful it is that He dried up the mud as well as the water! He "made the sea DRY LAND," "the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the DRY GROUND," and again, "the children of Israel walked upon DRY LAND in the midst of the sea" (Ex. 14:21, 22, 29).

Again when the same nation Israel crossed the Jordan River (at flood tide, mind you), "the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm ON DRY GROUND in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over ON DRY GROUND" (Joshua 3:17).

And when Elijah wrapped his mantle together and smote the waters of the Jordan, then he and Elisha "went over on DRY GROUND" (II Kings 2:8).

How blessed that the God who can stop the waters of Jordan can stop them at flood tide just as easily, and the God who can hold back the water can dry up the mud. Man's ability is limited; God's is not. The God who can attend to the water can attend to the mud just as well while He is at it. And the next time you ask God to open a river Jordan for you, then remember it will not honor Him for you to wade through mud with fret and anxiety as if you had a limited God. He is an exceeding abundantly able God.

When the children of Israel marched around Jericho, it was marvelous that the walls fell down at the shout and the blowing of the ram's horn on the seventh day. If there had been one hole in the wall big enough for the people to get through to attack the unprepared and frightened inhabitants, that would have been glorious. That is probably what Joshua would have asked for. But instead, the walls of the whole city fell down; and they not only fell down, "they fell down FLAT," so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him" (Joshua 6:20). I suggest that the next time you have a wall you need to go over, don't be timid in your asking. If God can throw down one stone of it, He can throw down the whole wall flat so you can walk over it.

Elijah on Mount Carmel prepared a bullock and challenged the prophets of Baal that they should serve the God who would answer by fire. Baal did not answer the cries of his four hundred and fifty prophets, but the Lord God answered prayer. Elijah had said:

"Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt-sacrifice, and on the wood.

"And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

"And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water" (I Kings 18:33-35).

If God can start a fire at all, He can do it with wet wood just as easily as with dry! And He can set wood on fire that has

been soaked three times just as easily as if it were slightly damp.

Elijah prayed for the Lord to burn the sacrifice, and He did, with fire from Heaven. That was a wonderful miracle, but God did exceeding abundantly above anything Elijah could ask or think.

"Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench" (I Kings 18:38).

Any God who can send fire from Heaven can burn wet wood as well as a fat bullock, can burn up stones as well as wood, can burn up dust as well as stones, and can lick up the water in the trench all around! No wonder the people, when they saw that hole in the ground with a little ash in it, fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." The next time you need fire from Heaven, why not let the Lord burn up everything that needs burning while He is at it? God has more fire than any man can use, and He is more willing to send it than any man is to ask for it.

A certain preacher's widow struggled along in the days of Elisha trying her best to make ends meet. I suppose she didn't mind the wretched poverty, the want, the hunger that was hers. But her husband had left debts, and when the creditors came to take away her two boys to be slaves, her poor heart was broken entirely! In her extremity she went to the man of God and told her need. If only in some way her sons could be spared from slavery and kept by their mother's side, the poverty would not be so bad. God's prophet Elisha told her to go borrow vessels abroad of all her neighbors. Behind closed doors she was to pour out of her one little pot of oil. She did, and the vessels were full, every one; the oil could hardly be stopped from flowing when the vessels were full! When she came rejoicing to tell the man of God, he said, "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest" (II Kings 4:7). Notice, she had money to pay the debt, but still more—she had money for both her sons and herself to live on! And if she did not live in luxury, it was all her own fault, not God's for He told her to borrow vessels not a few, and she had oil to spare when the last one was filled to the brim. God gave more than she could think of or ask for. That is the giving of the exceeding abundantly able God!

If you ever ask God to give you the oil to pay a heart-breaking debt and save you from disaster, then be sure to furnish enough vessels so He can give you something to live on beyond dire need. Any Christian who ever has a dealing with the exceeding abundantly able God ought to claim something more than the day's needs. He ought to have a rich heritage all his days, besides. A God who can make oil out of nothing can make more oil to fill other vessels if you furnish the vessels. And He is no poorer and no less willing when He fills the last vessel than when He filled the

first! How exceeding abundantly able!

When five thousand men (beside women and children) followed Jesus in the wilderness, they were starving. If He should send them home they might faint by the way! The troubled disciples decided that if they had "two hundred pennyworth of bread" it would hardly be enough for each one to have a little, though in our purchasing value it would be several hundred dollars' worth. How far Jesus went beyond that inadequate amount, which was all the disciples could conceive of getting, and more than they dared ask! He fed the five thousand men and all the women and children, fed them till they were "filled." Then He made more, and there were twelve baskets full of fish and bread sandwiches left! I think each one of the twelve apostles was a waiter, carrying food to the multitudes seated on the grass. And behold, when not a man nor a child would take another bite, the extra pieces Jesus had broken were gathered up and each apostle had his basket full of fish and bread! Jesus had more when they quit eating than when they began! It says to us that He could have fed five million as easily as five thousand! (See John 6:1-13). And when He fed the four thousand later by such a wondrous miracle, "they did all eat, and were filled; and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full" (Matt. 15:37).

The bread and fish that the multitudes ate were made for them; but the bread and fish that were left were made for us, beloved reader, and we sin if we do not eat of that bounty and be filled when we are hungry! God is able to make more bread and fish than any multitude can eat. And how anxious He is to do it! Each time He made the food at

His own suggestion, not at that of the people nor of the doubting apostles. How exceeding abundantly able He is! So, if ever you need Christ to make food in a wilderness, just allow Him to make some extra for the future that all may know how able He is, "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think!"

But the Lord Jesus is as exceeding abundantly able about fish in the sea as in a little boy's lunch. Twice He helped men fish. First, when He had Peter let down the nets, "they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink" (Luke 5: 6, 7). Note the superabundance of our Lord's provision. There were more fish than the net could hold; it broke. No man can make a net to hold all the fish God will give him if Christ, the wonder-working, exceeding abundantly able Maker and Master of the universe, takes a hand! Then they put the fish into boats; one was not enough, so they called another, and they both began to sink because they were so full! No boat of man can hold as many fish as man can catch if he fish where and when Jesus tells him, and depends on Christ.

Later, the resurrected Christ repeated the miracle (John 21: 6-11). This time the net was not broken, but they could not draw the net up, and had to drag it by ship to the land! Christ has more fish than any fisherman can lift, who fishes "on the right side of the ship" at Christ's command, and in His power! And in both these cases the fishermen had fished all night and caught nothing. But what did that matter to an exceeding abundantly able

Saviour? When He fishes with you, you can catch fish just as well when the signs are all wrong, when there seem to be no fish about, when it is against nature, as if every fisherman were catching fish.

So the next time you ask for fish of this exceeding abundantly able Saviour, ask for plenty!

How superlative were all the works of Jesus! How far above our little asking or thinking is His giving! When he made wine, He made it the best at the feast. When He had the waterpots filled with water to make the wine, He had them filled "to the brim" (John 2:1-10). In raging waves the disciples asked Jesus to save them lest they perish. But when Jesus stopped the storm, the danger not only passed, but "there was a great calm."

The dying thief asked humbly that in the far distant time, when Jesus should come to His kingdom, He would remember the thief. No doubt he dared hope for no more than that mercy would grant him a second chance to relive and atone for a wasted, ruined life. But the Saviour instead gave him salvation just then, and that very day carried him into the paradise of God!

How much above all we ask or think is Jesus in His love and mercy. He exceeds abundantly all man's need. Even in the garden of Gethsemane when Peter and James and John went with Him apart from the others to pray, he "went a little farther" (Matt. 26:39). So sin is blacker than any man can ever know. God's love is greater than any man can fathom. Christ's suffering went beyond what we can even think. So forgiveness and salvation are easier to receive than any of us are willing to believe. Wonderful Saviour who so abundantly exceeds all we ask or even think!

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## Exceeding Abundantly Able God

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### God Repays Exceeding Abundantly

The measure with which God repays anything done for Him is superlative, beyond computation, more than we could ask or think. We know that investments bear interest. Even sin multiplies its seed for the reaping. Those that sow to their flesh reap corruption (Gal. 6:7,8), and one who sows to the wind reaps the whirlwind (Hos. 8:7)! But far beyond that rate of increase is the exceeding abundance of the reward for serving God. "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Note the infinite, unmeasurable, endless quality of the blessing, everlasting life. "The wages of sin is death"—exact literal justice, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, burning for burning, stripe for stripe—but the gift of God is eternal life! That is not justice, but mercy not measured, not fitting, but beyond what we could ask or think. It is a gift, not wages, love that passeth understanding, not a measure of our deservings.

God is a jealous God, "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me" (Ex. 20:5). That is terrible, but it is measured, limited. It is predictable, understandable, expected. But the accompanying promise to those who love God is "showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments" (Ex. 20:6). I believe that He means He will show mercy even to the thousands descended from one who loves God and keeps his commandments, even unto unnumbered generations! Every Jew alive is "as touching the election" or choice of God, "beloved for the fathers' sake" (Rom. 11:28). Notice the plural, *fathers*, not meaning for God's sake, but for the sake of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and David, to whom God gave promises concerning bless-

ings He would bestow upon all generations of the seed of Israel. God visits sin on three or four generations of them that hate Him, but shows mercy unmeasured, infinite, unto unnumbered generations, thousands even, of descendants of those who love Him and keep His commandments. How exceeding abundantly He repays, more than we could ask or think!

One who leaves "houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands," for Christ's dear name's sake, He said, "shall receive an hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life." To receive land for land, brother for brother, friend gained for friend lost, would be exact justice. Job lost, but again he received seven sons and three daughters (Job 1:2; Job 42:13). Or if delayed payment, and heartache and doubts were ours, how wonderful if we could receive double for all we lost for Christ. That is what Job received for the property he lost to prove that he loved God. (Compare Job 1:3 with Job 42:10-12). But we are promised a hundredfold, one hundred for one, for all we lose for Christ, and besides, we inherit the unmeasured, exceeding abundant blessing, more than we could ask or think, ETERNAL LIFE! How clear that it is not of our works, but of grace. For all we ever do for Christ there is to be a blessed, abundant reward, out of all proportion to our deserts, and then, piled on top of that extravagant pay to unprofitable servants, is the gift of eternal life. Brother, fear not to leave all to follow Christ. His pay is exceeding abundant.

Give, then, of your money, for Christ promises, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). God's payment is in proportion; He uses the same mea-

sure in returning as we used in giving, but how many times He multiplies it! Running over! More than we can hold! And Malachi 3:10 promises that to those who bring all the tithes to God's storehouse and prove God, God will open the windows of heaven and "pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it"! There it is again, running over. As Peter's net could not hold and his boat and his partner's boat could not carry all the fish he caught in obedient faith, so the farmer's barn cannot hold all the crops he will get if he proves God with the tithes and offerings God asks that we give in faith. What an exceeding abundance there is in the way God repays!

Dear Brother Reveal, of the Evansville, Indiana, Rescue Mission was praying in a public service the first week in March 1940, praising God for the blessings of the last twenty-three years. It was the anniversary week and he was overwhelmed at the record of God's blessings; many thousands saved, tens of thousands fed and given beds. Brother Reveal is a great man of prayer and really gets things from God. He said, in his prayer, "Lord, You have been with us twenty-three years; 8,400 nights we have been open and never closed a night, Lord!" Then he mentioned the souls saved, people fed, the buildings God had provided, the record of the years, and said, "Lord, how wonderful it will be if You will just let us run another twenty-three years for You, stay open another 8,400 nights and days; that will make—"; but when he began to try to figure

out how many souls that would make saved, how much work would be done if it were all doubled, he floundered, and finally told the Lord, "You figure it out for Yourself!" and closed his prayer! Well, I laughed in my heart, but how it has blessed me since to remember, that only God Himself can figure out the full fruits of our feeble ministry, and the blessed rewards He will give! His doing and His giving is so "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think", that we must let Him figure it out for Himself.

A woman gave a prophet a little cake; it was the very last she had in a time of famine. But in return she got food in plenty till all the famine was past (I Kings 17:8-16). How God pays! A widow put in two tiny mites in the offering—less than a penny to us—and won immortal fame (Luke 21:1-4). In a Wesleyan chapel in London an ignorant layman told of the snake on a pole and said, "Look! look! any man can look!" He didn't know that night that he won Spurgeon, who became the mightiest preacher of the century.

An obscure Sunday-school teacher spent twenty or thirty minutes in a shoe shop winning his pupil to Christ. But in that thirty minutes he assured the salvation of a million souls, for the boy was D. L. Moody! How God pays!

Once I tried my best to win a young man to Christ. He grew up in a nominally Catholic home, had never even seen a Bible and never heard a gospel sermon before that night. He could hardly believe it was true. He insisted

on more time to consider. But when I spent fifty cents to buy him a bed that winter night, he broke down and said to me, "It must be true! I won't wait to see. I will trust Him now!" My! my! when I have been in Heaven a million years, I will still be getting dividends on that fifty cents that won a soul!

I walked down the aisle in a big revival service, laid my hand on the shoulder of a stranger man and said, "Are you a Christian?" He shook his head. "Then you ought to be ashamed of yourself," I said, and walked on. Two years later he met me, a happy Christian, and told how that one sentence broke his heart and led him to Christ.

We have an exceeding abundantly able God. Is there anything too hard for Him? Remember His invitation: "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Psa. 81:10).

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